

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. § 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters identified by States as not meeting water quality standards under authority of § 303(d)(1)(A) of the CWA. Each of these TMDLs is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety, accounting for lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality. Additionally, a November 5, 1998, Consent Decree in the matter of Edward W. Mudd, II et al. v. John Hankinson et al., Civil Action Number CV-97-S-0714-M, and Alabama Rivers Alliance, Inc. v. John Hankinson et al., Civil Action Number CV-97-S-2518-M, requires EPA to propose TMDLs for public comment in accordance with a specified schedule.

At this time, EPA has developed proposed TMDLs for the following water quality limited segments and pollutants of concern located in the State of Alabama:

| Waterbody | Pollutant(s) of Concern | County(s) | River Basin |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Hurricane Creek | Metals (Aluminum, Iron), Pathogens, Turbidity | Tuscaloosa | Black Warrior |
| Little Hurricane Creek | Metals (Aluminum, Iron, Copper), Pathogens | Tuscaloosa | Black Warrior |
| North Fork Hurricane Creek | Metals (Aluminum, Iron) | Tuscaloosa | Black Warrior |
| Shades Creek | Siltation, Turbidity, Other Habitat Alteration | Bibb, Jefferson | Cahaba |
| Lake Weiss | Priority Organics (PCBs) | Cherokee | Coosa |
| Bayou la Batre River | Organic Enrichment / Dissolved Oxygen | Mobile | Mobile |

A copy of the reports which includes the proposed TMDLs can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sibyl Cole at the address below or through the Internet. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/alabama>. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs or impairment status are invited to submit the same in writing no later than January 29, 2004, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring and TMDL Branch. Ms. Cole's telephone number is (404) 562-9437. Ms. Cole may also be contacted via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov.

The proposed TMDLs and the supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses, may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole to schedule a time for that review. Prior to finalizing these TMDLs, EPA will consider only those timely, written comments provided in response to this public notice.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.

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Date